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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMITE - JULY 11

1. PRIOR TO JULY 11 MEETING, AUSTRIAN, AUSTRALIAN, UK AND US REPS ENCOURAGED ISRAELI MISSION TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY INFORMATION PURSUANT TO COMITE REQUEST, CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY SR ATHLETES IN MACCABIAH GAMES. (USUN 2520 NOTAL). INITIAL ISRAELI REACTION WAS NEGATIVE, INDICATING THAT IN THEIR VIEW, SATISFACTORY ANSWERS ALREADY HAD BEEN GIVEN COMITE CHAIRMAN BY TELEPHONE; FURTHER, THAT ANY WRITTEN REPLY COULD LEAD SMITH REGIME TO FOCUS ATTENTION ADVERSELY ON SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THAT COUNTRY. EACH OF ABOVE MISSIONS INDICATED TO ISRAELIS THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN DEFENDING ISRAELI POSITION, BUT ONLY IF SOME SATISFACTORY WRITTEN WORD WERE COMMUNICATED TO COMITE. ISRAELI DESCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE EFFECT ON JEWISH RESIDENTS IN SR WAS FELT BY THOSE MISSIONS TO BE OVERLY DRAMATIC.

2. AS LAST-MINUTE GESTURE, AMB TEKOAH SENT LETTER TO COMITE CHAIRMAN CISSE (GUINEA) JULY 11. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"UPON MY RETURN TO NY I FOUND YOUR LETTER OF 29 JUNE 1973 IN THE MATTER OF THE 9TH MACCABIA GAMES.

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"AMBASSADOR SOFFER HAS GIVEN YOU THE FULL AND CORRECT

DETAILS OF THE MATTER, WHICH I TRUST HAVE SERVED TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SC RES 253 (1968) HAVE BEEN FULLY OBSERVED.

"I AM OF COURSE AT YOUR ENTIRE DISPOSAL FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO OBTAIN."

3. AT OPENING OF JULY 11 MEETING, AND IN REPLY TO REQUEST BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, COMITE SECRETARY ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING MADAME CISSE, WHO IS ILL, AND THEREFORE HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO RELAY REQUEST MADE AT LAST COMITE MEETING THAT SHE AGAIN TELEPHONE ISRAELI MISSION FOR FURTHER DETAILS. AT REQUEST YUGOSLAV REP, MOSHE BRILLANT ARTICLE IN NY TIMES JULY 10, DESCRIBING OPENING OF GAMES, WAS DISTRIBUTED. SUDANESE SEIZED ON STATEMENT "EACH CONTINGENT FOLLOWED ITS NATIONAL COLORS, EXCEPT THE RHODESIANS. THE CONTINGENT OF 21 ATHLETES AND 7 OFFICIALS CARRIED NO FLAG AT ALL, BUT MARCHED BEHIND THE BANNER OF THE MACCABEE SPORTS ORGANIZATION IN THEIR COUNTRY." SOME COMITE MEMBERS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH TEKOA'S LETTER, CITING BRILLIANT ARTICLE AS "PROOF" OF ISRAELI VIOLATION. VARIOUS PROPOSALS ENSUED, WITH COMPROMISE AGREEMENT REACHED ON INDIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND ANOTHER LETTER TO ISRAELIS, REQUESTING REPLY BEFORE JULY 17; WITH ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THAT REPLY.

4. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER DATED JULY 11, 1973 TO MADAME CISSE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SC COMITE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF RES 253, IN REPLY TO HER REQUEST DATED JUNE 29, 1973, FOR INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED PARTICIPATION OF THE SR CONTINGENT IN THE 9TH MACCABIAH GAMES IN ISRAEL.

"THE COMITE EXPRESSED ITS DISSATISFACTION AT THE LACK OF INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER AND WISHES TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A NEWS ITEM IN THE NY TIMES OF JULY 10, 1973, ON THE 9TH MACCABIAH GAMES:

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"THE NATIONAL CONTINGENTS IN GAYLY-COLORED UNIFORMS MARCHED INTO THE STADIUM TO MUSIC BY AN ARMY BAND. THE ATHLETES TURNED THEIR HEADS AND SALUTED PRES KATZIR AND PREMIER GOLDA MEIR IN THE REVIEWING STAND. EACH CONTINGENT FOLLOWED ITS NATIONAL COLORS EXCEPT THE RHODESIANS. THE CONTINGENT OF 21 ATHLETES AND SEVEN OFFICIALS CARRIED NO FLAG AT ALL BUT MARCHED BEHIND THE BANNER OF THE MACCABEE SPORTS ORGANIZATION IN THEIR COUNTRY."

"THE COMITE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF RES 253 CONSIDERS THAT THE ALLEGED PARTICIPATION OF A CONTINGENT FROM SR IN THE GAMES PROVIDES THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RES 253 (1968) AND IN PARTICULAR OP PARA 5 THEREOF.

"THE COMITE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS AND THE FULL AND CORRECT DETAILS OF THE MATTER REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1973 IN WRITING BEFORE JULY 17, ON WHICH DATE THE COMITE INTENDS TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON THE MATTER."

5. WE EXPECT THAT REGARDLESS OF CONTENTS OF ISRAELI WRITTEN REPLY (ISRAELIS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY DO INTEND TO SEND ANOTHER ONE) SOME COMITE MEMBERS WILL ARGUE THAT ISRAEL IN VIOLATION OF OP PARA 5B (AND POSSIBLY 5A) OF RES 253. REQUEST DEPT'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER SUCH TRAVEL BY SR MACCABEE ATHLETES WOULD INDEED BE IN VIOLATION OF 5B. UK REP WILL ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT; AUSTRALIANS AND FRENCH ALSO ARE REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS, FULLY AWARE THE COMITE'S DECISION WILL PROVIDE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE CASES. ISRAELIS OBVIOUSLY CAN DO THEMSELVES UNNECESSARY FURTHER DAMAGE BY ANY REPEATED RELUCTANCE TO MAKE CLEAN BREAST OF FACTS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

6. COMITE'S NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13.
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